Amendments In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 8, 14, 18, 19, 21-24, 28, 30 and 36 as follows:

1.   (**Currently Amended**) An apparatus comprising:

an application program comprising

>   one or more business components, **wherein a business component**

>>   **comprises one or more fields corresponding to records in a**

>>   **database separate from the application program,**

>   means for selecting a business component to be audited from the one or

>>   more business components,

>   means for selecting one or more selected operations on the business

>>   component to be audited, and

>   means for creating an audit trail for the application program, ~~wherein~~

>>   ~~a business component comprises one of a table or record~~

>>   ~~comprising information associated with an entity.~~

>   **means for providing the audit trail to the database associated with the**

>>   **fields of the business component.**

2.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the application program further comprises:

>   means for detecting when the selected operations are performed.

3.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the application program further comprises:

>   means for generating an audit transaction record regarding the business

>>   component when the selected operations are detected.

4.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the selected operations include at least one of: update, add, copy, and delete.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising means for restricting access to the audit trail by at least one of: an employee identifier, an employment position, and an area of responsibility.

6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3, further comprising means for storing the audit transaction record in an external database.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3, further comprising means for storing the audit transaction record in a file.

8. **(Currently Amended)** The apparatus of claim 7, <u>wherein the means for providing the audit trail</u> ~~further~~ comprising means for importing the audit transaction record stored in the file to <u>the</u> [[a]] database.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the audit transaction record includes at least one of: an identifier for the entity that accessed the business component, the operation that was performed on the business component, when the operation was performed, and how the value of at least a portion of the business component was changed.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3, further comprising means for querying one or more of the audit transaction records.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, further comprising means for prompting the user to enter a comment when the selected operations are detected.

12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the one or more business components further comprise one or more fields, and the apparatus further comprising:

means for selecting a selected field of the one or more fields to be audited; and

means for generating an audit transaction record when one of the selected operations on the selected field is detected.

13.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 12, further comprising means for restoring the selected field to a previous state.

14.   **(Currently Amended)** A system comprising:

a processor; and

a memory coupled to the processor and **storing** ~~configured to store~~

a first set of instructions, executable by the processor, configured to provide a business component, wherein

the business component comprises one **or more fields corresponding to records in a database separate from the application program** ~~of a table or record comprising information associated with an entity~~**, and**

~~the information comprises one or more fields,~~

a second set of instructions, executable by the processor, configured to provide a user interface, wherein

the user interface is configured to allow selection of a selected field of the one or more fields and one or more selected operations to be audited on the selected field,

a third set of instructions, executable by the processor, configured to detect when the selected operations are performed on the selected field, ~~and~~

a fourth set of instructions, executable by the processor, configured to generate an audit transaction record regarding the selected field when the selected operations are detected**, and**

a fifth set of instructions, executable by the processor, configured to provide the audit transaction record to the database associated with the fields of the business component.

15.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, wherein the selected operations to be audited include at least one of: update, add, copy, and delete.

16.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, wherein the second set of instructions are further configured to allow the user to restrict access to an audit trail by at

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least one of: an employee identifier, an employment position, and an area of responsibility.

17.   **Canceled.**

18.   **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 14, wherein the memory **further stores a sixth** ~~is further configured to store a fifth~~ set of instructions, executable by the processor, configured to store the audit transaction record in a file.

19.   **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 18, wherein the memory **further stores a seventh** ~~is further configured to store a sixth~~ set of instructions, executable by the processor, configured to import the audit transaction record stored in the file to **the** [[a]] database.

20.   **(Original)** The system of claim 14, wherein the audit transaction record includes at least one of: an identifier for the entity that accessed the field, the operation that was performed, when the operation was performed, and a previous value of the field, and a current value of the field.

21.   **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 14, wherein the memory **further stores a sixth** ~~is further configured to store a fifth~~ set of instructions, executable by the processor, configured to allow the user to query one or more of the audit transaction records.

22.   **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 14, wherein the memory **further stores a sixth** ~~is further configured to store a fifth~~ set of instructions, executable by the processor, configured to allow the user to restore one or more of the selected fields to a previous value.

23.   **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 14, wherein the memory **further stores a sixth** ~~is further configured to store a fifth~~ set of instructions, executable by the processor, configured to prompt the user to enter a description of the operation when the selected operations are detected.

24. **(Currently Amended)** A method comprising:

auditing an application program wherein said auditing comprises creating an audit trail; and

using the application program to perform audit trail functions comprising

generating a list of business components included in the application program, wherein

a business component of the list of business components comprises **one or more fields corresponding to records in a database separate from the application program** one of a table or record comprising information associated with an entity,

presenting the list of business components to a user,

allowing the user to select a selected business component to be audited,

presenting a list of operations that can be performed on the selected business component to the user, and

allowing the user to select one or more selected operations to be audited for the selected business component, **and**

providing the audit trail to the database associated with the fields of the business component.

25. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 24, wherein the list of operations include at least one of: update, add, copy, and delete.

26. **(Original)** The method of claim 24, further comprising restricting access to the audit trail by at least one of: an employee identifier, an employment position, and an area of responsibility.

27. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 24, further comprising:

detecting when the selected operations are performed on the selected business component; and

generating an audit transaction record when the selected operations are detected.

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28.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27, **wherein said providing the audit trail comprises** ~~further comprising~~ storing the audit transaction record in **the** [[a]] database.

29.   (Original) The method of claim 27, further comprising storing the audit transaction record in a file.

30.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, **wherein said providing the audit trail comprises** ~~further comprising~~ importing the audit transaction record stored in the file to a database.

31.   (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein the audit transaction record includes at least one of: an identifier for the entity that accessed the business component, the operation that was performed on the business component, when the operation was performed, and how the value of at least a portion of the business component was changed.

32.   (Original) The method of claim 27, further comprising querying one or more of the audit transaction records.

33.   (Original) The method of claim 27, further comprising prompting the user to enter a description of the operation when the selected operations are detected.

34.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the selected business component further comprises one or more fields, and the method further comprising:

    selecting a selected field of the one or more fields to be audited; and

    generating an audit transaction record when the selected operations on the selected field are detected.

35.   (Original) The method of claim 34, further comprising restoring one or more of the selected fields to a previous value.

36. (Currently Amended) A computer~~-readable storage medium~~ ~~program product~~ comprising:

instructions for implementing the method of claim 24.

37. **Canceled.**

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